

DECISION MEMORANDUM

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FROM: GRACE SEAMAN

DATE: JULY 2, 2013

RE: AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO THE INTERCONNECTION AGREEMENT
BETWEEN FRONTIER COMMUNICATIONS NORTHWEST INC.
FKA VERIZON NORTHWEST INC. FKA GTE NORTHWEST INC.
AND NEXTEL WEST CORP.; CASE NO. GTE-T-97-10.

BACKGROUND

Under the provisions of the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996, interconnection agreements must be submitted to the Commission for approval. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(1). The Commission may reject an agreement adopted by negotiations only if it finds that the agreement: (1) discriminates against a telecommunications carrier not a party to the agreement; or (2) implementation of the agreement is not consistent with the public interest, convenience and necessity. 47 U.S.C. § 252(e)(2)(A).

CURRENT APPLICATION

On June 28, 2013, Frontier Communications Northwest Inc. fka Verizon Northwest Inc. fka GTE Northwest Inc. ("Frontier" or "Company") submitted an Application for approval of Amendment No. 2 to the Interconnection Agreement with Nextel West Corp. approved by the Commission on September 9, 1997. *See* Order No. 27127. In this Application, the parties request that the Commission approve the terms and conditions for reciprocal compensation rates as provided in the *USF/ICC Transformation Order* FCC 11-161 (rel. November 18, 2011) and in FCC 11-189 *Order on Reconsideration* (rel. December 23, 2011). In the event that the Federal Communications Commission revises, reconsiders, changes or modifies the reciprocal


compensation rates, such action may be incorporated into this Agreement pursuant to the change of law provisions of the Agreement.

STAFF ANALYSIS

Staff has reviewed the Application and does not find that any terms or conditions are discriminatory or contrary to the public interest. Staff believes the Application is consistent with the FCC orders and pro-competitive policies of this Commission, the Idaho Legislature, and the federal Telecommunications Act. Accordingly, Staff recommends Commission approval of the Application for Approval of Amendment to the Interconnection Agreement.

COMMISSION DECISION

Does the Commission wish to approve this Application?


Grace Seaman

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